Difficulties being faced by public sector drug units

1323. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to frequent increases in bulk drug prices by the manufacturing and supplying agencies public sector drug industries are almost on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, whether such frequent increase in prices is working against public sector drug units; and

(c) whether any relief will be given to public sector drug units to combat such price rise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation

1324. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new power generation project for Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation is a Central Government Project;

(b) if so, whether Rs. 210 crores sanctioned recently for this purpose is a central loan and is likely to be released soon; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

1325. [*Transferred to the 12th March, 1987*].

Production and import of power plants

1326. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capacity of power plants imported during the last three years and how much of these are gas turbines, thermal sets and hydel sets;

(b) what is the total capacity of power plants produced by various public sector undertakings in the country during the last three years gas turbines, thermal and hydel sets-wise; and

(c) what was the requirement of these units during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Thermal power station in Andhra Pradesh

1327. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a Super Thermal Power Project of 2000 MW capacity near Manuguru in Khammam district is included in Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Thermal Power Corporation has initiated action to prepare a Feasibility Report for setting up a Super Thermal Power Project at Manuguru in Andhra Pradesh with an ultimate capacity of 2000 MW. The project could be considered for approval after its techno-economic viability has been established and all necessary inputs, including the availability of funds, have been tied up.

Grants for biogas plants

1328. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for biogas Institutional bio-gas plants in Andhra Pradesh during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1986-87;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Under the National Project for Biogas Development, which caters to family based biogas plants, the amounts released to Andhra Pradesh State Government are as below:

Year	Amounts released (Rs. in crores)
1983-84	1.11
1984-85	5.84
1986-87 (upto Feb., 1987)	5.52

The amounts sanctioned for community/institutional biogas plants are as below:

Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1983-84	22.30
1984-85	15.70
1986-87 (upto Feb., 1987)	21.60

(b) to (d) Under the National Project for Biogas Development funds are released on the basis of targets fixed for the States, in consultation with them, as per the approved pattern. With regard to setting up community and institutional biogas plants, proposals received from implementing agencies are subjected to techno-economic examination and funds are released depending on the number of proposals and amount sanctioned. Therefore, the question for increasing the amount for a particular State does not arise.

Delay in completion of power projects

1329. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that induction of several power projects scheduled for 1986-87 is likely to slip into 1987-88;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the major factors responsible for the continuous slippage in the completion of the projects, the estimated cost escalation in respect of each project as a consequence thereof and the period by which these power projects are now expected to be completed; and

(c) what is the actual percentage of power generation achieved during 1986-87 as against the generation percentage envisaged during the year stating the reasons for the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The required information is given in the annexure enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLI Annexure No. 56].